

By Bob Vito

H. B. No. 70

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"(c) Knowingly permit any person under the age of twenty-one (21) years to participate in any professional championship ~~[fistic-combat-match, boxing, sparring-or]~~ wrestling contest or exhibition or any person under the age of eighteen (18)

1 ~~years to participate in any professional world championship~~  
2 ~~fistic combat match, boxing or sparring contest or exhibition;~~  
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5 character on the result of, or any contingency in connection  
6 with any fistic combat match, boxing, sparring or wrestling  
7 contest or exhibition, either before or during any such contests;  
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17 the ring, by a duly licensed and practicing physician who is  
18 a bona fide inhabitant and citizen of the State of Texas, nor  
19 then, if such physician finds the facts to be that such contestant  
20 is physically unfit to engage in such contest, and such physician  
21 shall so certify in writing if he finds the fact so to be,  
22 and the promoter of such contest shall deliver such report of  
23 examination to the Commissioner of Labor Statistics with the  
24 gross receipts tax report, and a duly licensed and practicing  
25 physician who is a bona fide inhabitant of the State of Texas  
26 shall remain in attendance during the entire time of such  
27 match, contest or exhibition; provided, in the event of an

1 emergency in the nature of one or more of the contestants  
2 failing, refusing or otherwise being unable to perform as  
3 scheduled or agreed, nothing herein shall be construed to  
4 prevent the substitution of another contestant or contestants  
5 in place of those failing or refusing or being unable to perform  
6 as scheduled and any physical examination of a contestant  
7 required by this Act may thus be waived by such contestant  
8 upon the latter stating in writing that he is physically fit;  
9 or,

10 "(g) Permit any fistic combat match, boxing or sparring  
11 contest or exhibition for more than ten (10) rounds duration,  
12 except in a championship match which shall not exceed fifteen  
13 (15) rounds; or,

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15 to extend for a longer period than three (3) minutes; or,

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21 such gloves worn by each of the opposing contestants to be of  
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27 to admit to the same more persons than are admissible according

1 to the authorized capacity of the building or the part thereof  
2 actually used for such purpose."

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4 crowded condition of the calendars in both houses create an  
5 emergency and an imperative public necessity that the  
6 constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several  
7 days in each house be suspended, and this rule is hereby suspended,  
8 and that this Act take effect and be in force from and after  
9 its passage, and it is so enacted.

COMMITTEE REPORT

The Honorable Bill Clayton  
Speaker of the House of Representatives

March 1, 1977  
(date)

Sir:

We, your COMMITTEE ON LABOR, to whom was referred \_\_\_\_\_, have had the same under consideration and beg to report back with the recommendation that it \_\_\_\_\_ (measure)

- ( ) do pass, without amendment.
- ( ) do pass, with amendment(s).
- (X) do pass and be not printed; a Complete Committee Substitute is recommended in lieu of the original measure.

A fiscal note was requested on \_\_\_\_\_ and is attached as part of this report.  
(date)

Author's fiscal statement attached.

The Committee recommends that this measure be placed on the (Local Consent) Calendar.

This measure ( ) proposes new law.  
(X) amends existing law.

House Sponsor of Senate Measure \_\_\_\_\_

The measure was reported from Committee by the following vote:

	AYE	NAY	PNV	ABSENT
Johnson	X			
Baker	X			
Watson	X			
Allee				X
Blythe	X			
Bryant	X			
Collazo	X			
Hernandez				X
Moreno	X			

Total:  
7 aye  
0 nay  
0 present, not voting  
2 absent

Eddie Bernice Johnson  
CHAIRMAN  
Reynolds  
COMMITTEE COORDINATOR

Substitute for HB 70  
By: Vale

Committee on Labor

### Bill Analysis

#### Background Information

Currently, the law provides that no individual, firm, club, partnership, association, company or corporation shall knowingly permit any person under the age of 18 to participate in any professional fistic combat match, boxing, sparring or wrestling contest or exhibition. It further provides that a person must be at least 21 years old to participate in any professional championship, fistic combat match, boxing, sparring or wrestling contest or exhibition.

Wrestlers as well as boxers would benefit from a drop in the minimum age required to box or wrestle in a professional championship. Both would also benefit if the administrator of the boxing and wrestling program were given the power to grant exemption from the age requirement of 18 or more to boxers or wrestlers who wish to box or wrestle professionally and are 17 years old. The administrator's power to deny exemptions will be exercised to protect the 17 year old boxer or wrestler.

#### Purpose and Synopsis

This measure permits a sponsor of a boxing or wrestling contest or exhibit to allow boxers or wrestlers 18 years old or more to participate in a professional contest or exhibit whether or not it is a championship. (The age required of boxers and wrestlers in a professional championship is 21 or more in the current statute). It also grants the administrator of the boxing and wrestling program the power to grant qualified 17 year olds exemption from the prohibition against their participation in professional boxing or wrestling contests or exhibitions.

#### Comparison of Substitute to Original Bill

Subsection b of Section 2 in the original bill allows sponsors of professional fistic combat matches and boxing or sparring contests or exhibitions to permit boxers and wrestlers 17 years old or more to participate in the contests or exhibitions, while the substitute lowers the age requirement to 18, includes wrestlers in it, and gives the Commissioner the discretion to allow 17 year olds to participate in professional fistic combat matches, and boxing or sparring contests or exhibitions.

Subsection c of Section 2 in the original bill lowers the minimum age required of boxers in professional world championships to 18 while the substitute repeals Subsection c which provides a minimum age requirement of 21 for boxers and wrestlers in professional championship, and thus makes the minimum age requirement of 18 or 17, with the approval of the commissioner, as set forth in Subsection b of Section 2, effective for professional championships.

#### Summary of Committee Action

Public notice having been posted in compliance with Rule V, Section 14, the committee considered H.B. No. 70 in public hearing on February 8, 1977.

The bill was referred to a subcommittee and reported back favorably to the full committee on February 25, 1977 as substituted.

In a formal meeting on March 1, 1977 the committee reported the bill back favorably to the Floor of the House by a vote of 7 ayes and no nays, as substituted.

*Betty Murray*

H.B. 70 Chief Clerk  
House of Representatives

By Vale

Substitute the following for H.B. 70

By Blythe

C.S.H.B. 70

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seventeen (17) years; or,

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as  
amended

Amendment No. ①

By L/dk

Amend the 1st Printing of C.S.H.B. 70, line 7, page 2,  
by substituting the word "fake" for the word "take".

MAR 31 1977  
Date Read and Adopted

Betty M. Messer  
Chief Clerk  
House of Representatives

MD  
RT

# HOUSE ENGROSSMENT

2nd. Printing

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COMMITTEE/FLOOR REPORT FORM

Austin, Texas

May 25, 1977

Honorable William P. Hobby  
President of the Senate

Sir:

We, your Committee on Economic Development to which was referred  
H B. No. 70 have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the Senate  
with the recommendation that it do pass as amended and be printed.

  
Chairman

IF THIS FORM IS TO BE USED AS A FLOOR REPORT, IT IS NECESSARY FOR A MAJORITY OF THE COMMITTEE MEMBERS TO SIGN IT. Paper clip the original and one copy of this form to the original bill and retain one copy for your file.

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By VALE

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NOV 10 1976

1. Filed with the Chief Clerk.

JAN 18 1977

2. Read first time and Referred to Committee on Labor

MAR 1 1977

3. Reported favorably (as amended) and sent to Printer at MAR 8 1977 9:15 A.M. (time)  
unfavorably substituted

MAR 8 1977

4. Printed, distributed ~~and sent to the Committee on Calendars~~ at 6:11 P.M. (time)

MAR 9 1977 Sent To Committee On Calendars 8:31 A.M.

MAR 31 1977

5. Read second time (amended); passed to third reading (failed) by (Non-Record Vote) (Record Vote of        yeas,        nays,        present, not voting)

6. Motion to reconsider and table the vote by which H.B.        was ordered engrossed prevailed (failed) by a (Non-record vote) (Record Vote of        yeas,        nays, and        present, not voting).

7. Constitutional Rule requiring bills to be read on three several days suspended (failed to suspend) by a four-fifths vote of        yeas,        nays, and        present, not voting.

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8. Read third time (amended); finally passed (failed) by (Non-Record Vote) (Record Vote of        yeas,        nays,        present, not voting).

9. Caption ordered amended to conform to body of bill.

10. Motion to reconsider and table the vote by which H.B.        was finally passed prevailed (failed) by a (Non-record) (Record Vote of        yeas,        nays, and        present, not voting).

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11. Ordered Engrossed at 10:00 A.M. (time)

APR 1 1977

12. Engrossed.

APR 1 1977

13. Returned to Chief Clerk at 10:15 A.M. (time)

APR 4 1977

14. Sent to Senate.

Betty Murray

Chief Clerk of the House

APR 4 1977

15. Received from the House

APR 5 1977

16. Read, referred to Committee on ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

MAY 25 1977

17. Reported favorably as amended

18. Reported adversely, with favorable Committee Substitute; Committee Substitute read first time.

19. Ordered not printed.

20. Regular order of business suspended by        (a viva voce vote.)  
(       yeas,        nays.)



\_\_\_\_\_ 21. To permit consideration, reading and passage, Senate and Constitutional Rules suspended by vote of \_\_\_\_\_ yeas, \_\_\_\_\_ nays.

\_\_\_\_\_ 22. Read second time \_\_\_\_\_ passed to third reading by:  
(a viva voce vote.)  
( \_\_\_\_\_ yeas, \_\_\_\_\_ nays.)

\_\_\_\_\_ 23. Caption ordered amended to conform to body of bill.

\_\_\_\_\_ 24. Senate and Constitutional 3-Day Rules suspended by vote of \_\_\_\_\_ yeas,  
\_\_\_\_\_ nays to place bill on third reading and final passage.

\_\_\_\_\_ 25. Read third time and passed by  
(a viva voce vote.)  
( \_\_\_\_\_ yeas, \_\_\_\_\_ nays.)

OTHER ACTION:

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\_\_\_\_\_  
Secretary of the Senate

\_\_\_\_\_ 26. Returned to the House.

\_\_\_\_\_ 27. Received from the Senate (with amendments).

\_\_\_\_\_ 28. House (Concurred) (Refused to Concur) in Senate Amendments by a (Non-record Vote) (Record Vote of \_\_\_\_\_ yeas, \_\_\_\_\_ nays, \_\_\_\_\_ present, not voting).

\_\_\_\_\_ 29. Conference Committee Ordered.

\_\_\_\_\_ 30. Conference Committee Report Adopted (Rejected) by a (Non-record Vote) (Record Vote of \_\_\_\_\_ yeas, \_\_\_\_\_ nays, and \_\_\_\_\_ present, not voting).

\_\_\_\_\_ 31. Ordered Enrolled at \_\_\_\_\_ : \_\_\_\_\_ M.  
(time)

1977 MAR -8 PM 6:11  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
1977 APR -1 AM 10:06

*James H. Schifano*